

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Beware of my partisanship, my mistakes of fact and the distortion inevitably caused by my having seen only one corner of events."

— George Orwell, *Homage to Catalonia*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern* Johann Pachelbel
Tune and text from Hymn #827

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 27

L: The LORD is our light and salvation.

P: There is no one to fear!

L: The LORD is a fortress, protecting our lives.

P: There is nothing to fear!

L: God will shelter us in God's own house during troubling times.

P: God will set us up high, safe on a rock.

L: Be strong! Let your heart take courage!

P: Our hope is in the LORD!

*HYMN #463

"How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

based on 1 Corinthians 1:10

God of Good News,

we should not be dismayed, for you have promised
to give us aid and strengthen us;
to help us and cause us to stand;
to uphold us by your hand.

Yet we confess that we have not been faithful to you
in our thoughts and actions.

We have been selfish in our desires
and quarrelsome in our relationships.

We have allowed fear to divide us
from those who seem different,
and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters.

Shine your light into our shadowed hearts.

Save us from our divisive ways.

Unite us in the same mindset and intention as Jesus Christ
whose revelation of your heart has the power to save.

Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*GLORIA PATRI #581 Glory Be to the Father

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Word Is Proclaimed

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of the Living Word,

light up our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed
our eyes may see your kingdom,
our ears may hear the call of Jesus,
and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

(Children under age 6 may go to the nursery. Parents who have not signed their child into the nursery today should go with their child.)

BLESSING

“These Treasured Children”
(Sung by the whole congregation)

*Come Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community.
Empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

FIRST READING

Matthew 4:12-23

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

L: The word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

*HYMN #720

“Jesus Call Us”

We Respond to God's Word

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer, the leader will open a space for you to say aloud your individual prayers.

You may come forward during the prayer to light a candle at the prayer table.

Today's prayer response will be:

L: God of light

P: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY

"O Love of Whom is Truth and Light"

Temple Bevan

O love, of whom is truth and light, the word and spirit, life and power.

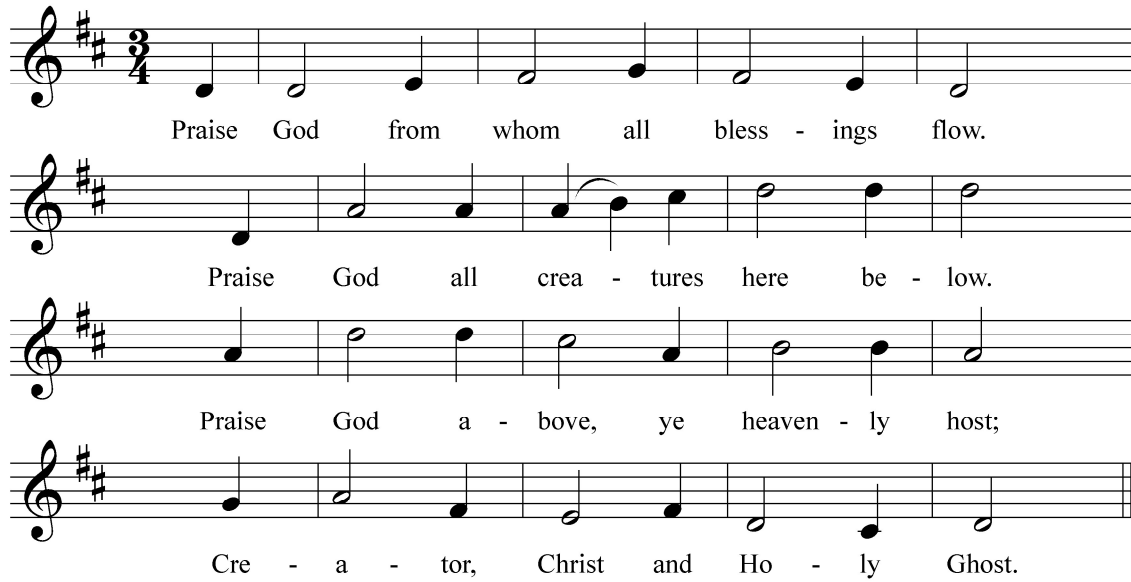
Whose heart has bared to them that smite, to shield us in our trial hour.

O love, I give myself to Thee, Thine ever, only Thine to be.

— Johann Scheffler, tr. Catherine Winkworth

***DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow.
Praise God all crea - tures here be - low.
Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)**

Use our gifts, Loving God,
so others might not be scared by life;
so they may be sheltered in the blanket of your grace;
so they might find a home with us as their family.
In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

**We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts
And Bear It Into the World**

***HYMN #321** "The Church's One Foundation"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

L: Let all God's people say, P: Alleluia! Amen!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern* J. C. Bach

Nursery Childcare

Nursery caregivers today are Samantha Barclay and McKennan Henninger. If childcare is needed anytime during the service, please see a greeter for assistance.

DPC Directory Update

We want to stay in touch with our members and friends, so please take a minute to update your contact information for the Church Directory! There is a current directory in the Narthex with instructions for confirming or updating your information. And forms are available if you aren't in the directory but would like to be.

And since this is a picture directory, feel free to submit a new photo even if your other information is the same.

If you have any questions please call Dena in the office at 615-254-7584 or email info@dpchurch.com.

Half for the Hungry

Half for the Hungry training has begun and we are dodging rain, wind and temperatures and trying to get training in when we can. If anyone is interested in joining this strange group of people who challenge the weather and get out to get in condition and raise money for the homeless feeding program here at DPC call Jim Dickson at 615 545-1541 or e-mail deserata1@hotmail.com for more information.

Shout Out for Scott!!!

Scott McGinnis is about half way through his chemotherapy; he has 3 more scheduled hospitalizations at Vanderbilt. The stays are about 5 days in length and which room he'll land in is only known when he arrives! But he would love for DPC folks to stop in for a few minutes to say hello.

Folks can park via valet Monday through Friday; parking on one's own on the weekend is fairly easy though. One simply parks or valets at Vanderbilt's East Garage by entering Medical Center Drive just off 21st Avenue South.

So mark your calendar for a 30-60 minute pop in!
Scott is expected to stay at Vandy these 3 dates: **February 6-10; February 28-March 5; March 16-23rd**. Text or call Scott at 615.870.4305 to check his schedule! Magazines and treats are welcome!

Oh, Baby, Baby!

Wow, we're having another baby shower! Matthew and Amanda Abfalter have a due date of April 20, 2020! DPC Hospitality will host a baby shower the **FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH, which is March 1st!** Let's gather in the Fellowship Hall for shared potluck and cake (cake to be supplied by Hospitality). The Abfalters have two registries, indicated below.

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/amanda-abfalter-april-2020-madison/1AUBQLIN861EJ>

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?>

Lunch Meet-Up Update

We're forgoing our regular first Sunday lunch meet-ups in February (it's Super Bowl Sunday) and March (for the Abfalter baby shower).

We'll be back with our regular lunch meet-ups on **Sunday, April 5!**

Homeless Valentine's Gift Bags!!



What: Drive for hotel sized toiletries and individual snacks

When: From Sunday, January 12 - Sunday, February 9

Where: Collection box next to the prayer table in the sanctuary

We will take up items for the gift bags and have an after worship bag stuffing on Sunday, February 9, and give out the bags to our breakfast guests on the following Saturday, February 15!

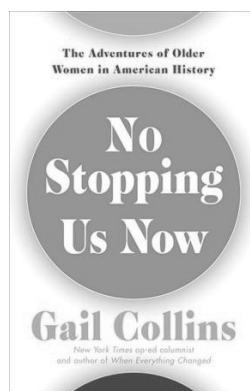
If you have any questions, please ask Samera (eszavaro@yahoo.com)

DPC Book Group: *No One Can Stop Us Now* by Gail Collins

The DPC book group will have its next meeting on **Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m.** (location TBD).

We will be discussing *No Stopping Us Now: The Adventures of Older Women in American History* by *New York Times* columnist Gail Collins.

Contact Joel Dark (joelhdark@gmail.com) for more information.



Committee Corner

Come be a part of the teams that guide DPC! All are welcome to come and join the conversations.

Upcoming Committee Meetings:

- ♦ Session – Sunday, January 26, 1:00 p.m. in Parlor 1
- ♦ Hospitality - Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 p.m. - at DPC
**Mary's making some soup/stew; Claire's bringing dessert.
Come one, come all!"**

Meetups With Mike

The Personnel Committee and Pastor Mike would like to invite you to set up an informal one on one (or two) get together with him. Call or email (mikewilson@dpchurch.com) to schedule coffee, a meal - breakfast, lunch or dinner are all possible - a walk in the park, a home visit, or just some time at the church. Let's all get to know Mike better and let him know us!

Volunteers Needed for Saturday Breakfast

Every Saturday morning DPC opens its doors to Nashville's homeless and urban poor community to provide hot, nutritious meals in a warm, inviting space. Sign up through the Mission and Outreach link on our website www.dpchurch.com.

We provide complimentary parking for all volunteers.



Art Crawl - always the first Saturday of each month; lands on February 1st this year. Come hear the father/daughter duo of George & Emily Williamson play in the sanctuary. Stay tuned for Browsing Room info.

Sanctuary guides needed! We have folks who open and close the church as well as conduct tours during Art Crawl (6-9pm) but they can't do it alone! If you don't know enough about the

sanctuary and the church, it's a good way to learn AND to meet locals interested in learning more about the church as well as being a thoughtful guide to tourists from around the world. Please consider the adventure!

Contact **Michael Arwood** via email at dagmal@aol.com or **Mary Turner** via email or phone/text: mturner2614@gmail.com or 615.294.8040.

Electronic Giving!

Want an easy way to donate to DPC? Just text "dpchurch" to 73256. You'll get a link to a secure site that will scan your credit card info. You can even choose what special DPC fund you want to give to. It only takes about a minute!

Thanks for supporting the ministries of Downtown Presbyterian Church!

Parking

Parking for Sunday worship is in the SP+ garage at **147 4th Ave. N.**

You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.

Our Ministries Last Week

Saturday Breakfast Ministry

145 people were served a nutritious, hot breakfast on January 18.

11:00 Worship Service Attendance

Adults:49, Children:9

Schedule of Weekly Events

Today

1:00 Session - Parlor 1

Monday, January 27

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Tuesday, January 28

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Wednesday, January 29

Thursday, January 30

11:30 AA Meeting - Parlor 2

Friday, January 31

Saturday, February 1

8:30 Breakfast served to Nashville's homeless and urban poor

Sunday, February 2

9:00 JuveNiles Rehearsal

9:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:45 Children's Education - Rm #211

11:00 Worship - The Sanctuary

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

SESSION 2020

Rev. Mike Wilson, Moderator

Vickie Coffin, Clerk

Rachel Hayes, Treasurer

Class of 2020

Dave Coleman
Debra Gentry
Vickie Coffin

Class of 2021

Mary Turner
Jim Hoobler
David Maddox

Class of 2022

Erin Bell
Holly Kellar
Jake Byl

THE CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

Dena Swoner, Office Manager

Suzie Lane, Director of Children's Education

Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager

Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

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